UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN RE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICE LITIGATION)) MDL No. 1456) CIVIL ACTION: 01-CV-12257-PBS
THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO 01-CV-12257-PBS AND 01-CV-339) Judge Patti B. Saris

RESPONSE OF LIAISON COUNSEL TO SUFFOLK COUNTY'S MOTION RESPECTING COORDINATED DISCOVERY

The law firm of Hagens Berman LLP, Liaison Counsel for plaintiffs, responds to Suffolk County's motion as follows.

It is unclear what the objective of Suffolk County's motion is and what relief they seek. In its letter to Mr. Notargiacomo of April 15, 2004, which is attached to Suffolk's motion, Suffolk requested "we simply must be informed as to what discovery you have received ... where it is located, and what form the discovery is in."

On April 17, 2004, liaison counsel complied exactly with that request:

When defendants make documents available we will ask them to so inform you.²

Thereafter, as documents have become available liaison counsel has so notified Suffolk (Exhibit A hereto); notified them of deposition dates (Exhibit B) and Suffolk has acknowledged

¹ Exhibit C to Suffolk's motion.

² Exhibit D to Suffolk's motion.

our compliance with our duties (Exhibit C). Thus, it is a mystery what exactly Suffolk seeks in its motion.

It appears that Suffolk may want the MDL class plaintiffs to turn over the documents the MDL plaintiffs actually receive from a defendant. However, it is not our right to decide what Suffolk, which has extremely more limited claims than the MDL plaintiffs, is entitled to receive — that is between Suffolk and defendants. Our job is to attempt to coordinate discovery and we are doing so. No one is prohibiting Suffolk from participating in discovery. Suffolk's motion was unnecessary and should be denied.

DATED: May 11, 2004.

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I hereby certify that I, Steve W. Berman, an attorney, caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing RESPONSE OF LIAISON COUNSEL TO SUFFOLK COUNTY'S MOTION RESPECTING COORDINATED DISCOVERY to be served on all counsel of record electronically on May 11, 2004, pursuant to Section D of Case Management Order No. 2.

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EXHIBIT A

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Via Facsimile

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Re: <u>In re Pharmaceutical Industry Average Wholesale Price Litigation</u>

MDL No. 1456

Dear Counsel:

Enclosed is a letter acknowledging the production of documents by two defendants. As liaison counsel we give you notice of this production. If you want copies please contact defense counsel who we assume can sort out which documents the County of Suffolk is entitled to.

Sincerely,

Steve W. Berman

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Enclosure

EXHIBIT B

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> In re Pharmaceutical Industry Average Wholesale Price Litigation Re:

MDL No. 1456

Dear Counsel:

The AMCC plaintiffs will take a 30(b)(6) deposition of a BMS representative on May 19, 2004. The deposition will be conducted at the offices of Hogan & Hartson. In addition, BMS has produced roughly 50 boxes in recent weeks. You can make arrangements for production with defense counsel.

Sincerely,

Steve W. Berman

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Lyndon Tretter (via e-mail)

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Re: MDL 1456 (549.01)

Dear Counsel:

Thank you for your April 28, 2004 letters advising of the (a) the new date for the BMS 30(b)(6) deposition and the recent BMS document productions; and (b) the April 26, 2004 Pharmacia and Pfizer productions.

Very truly yours,

Ioanne M. Cicala